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POLITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN; SAN

JOSE, COSTA RICA; JULY 12-21

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1. IN VIEW OF ADAMANT GOP POSITION ON PRESS AS EXPRESSED IN ITS PROPOSED AMENDMENT AT THE DECEMBER 1975 UNESCO MEETING CALLING FOR A "TRANSFER OF THE OWNERSHIP OF MASS MEDIA TO THE SOCIAL SECTORS AND FOR INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE PRIVATELY-OWNED MAJOR INFORMATION AGENCIES," THE EMBASSY HAS DECIDED NOT TO ENGAGE IN WHAT WE DEEM WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE LOBBYING WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES.

2. EMBOFFS DID DISCUSS MEETING WITH FONOFF AMERICAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT CHIEF. HE UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. INTEREST IN EXPANDING COMMUNICATION AS WELL AS OUR CONSTITUTIONALLY-BASED CONCERN WITH GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MEDIA. OFFICIAL NOTED THAT UNESCO WAS ALSO WELL AWARE OF THE U.S. VIEW AND COGNIZANT OF THE BUDGETARY STICK WHICH THE U.S. WIELDS OVER UNESCO. HE EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE SAN JOSE CONFERENCE WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO "PROSPER" AND THAT COSTA RICA AS HOST WOULD WORK TO AVOID ENDORSEMENT OF POLICIES CONTRARY TO THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY HIGH-LEVEL GOP DELEGATION TO SAN JOSE AND IN FACT THOUGHT THAT PERU WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY THE SON OF WELL-KNOWN COMMUNIST JOURNALIST GENARO CARNERO CHECA.

3. EMBASSY NOTES THAT GOP IS COMMITTED TO EXPANDING COMMUNICATION CAPACITIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND LED MOVE AT 1975 NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE TO DEVELOP A NON-ALIGNED NEWS SERVICE. ALSO GOP HAS FORMED ITS OWN INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE, ESI ANDINA, WHICH IT HOPES WILL PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL NEWS TO "BALANCE" THAT NOW GATHERED BY MAJOR WIRE SERVICES.

4. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED POUCHED MATERIAL REFERRED TO IN REFTTEL. DEAN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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